

an image reading device for reading the image recorded on the recording medium as digital image data, subjecting the read digital image data to predetermined image processing, and outputting processed image data;

means for carrying out a necessary image processing on all of the image data read by the image reading device;

means for carrying out a special image processing on the image data read by the image reading device, the special image processing being specially designated by an operator request; and

means for instructing the special image processing to be carried out by said special image processing means, wherein unsuitable combinations of image processings are prohibited from being executed on the image by said special image processing means, said unsuitable combinations of image processings being at least a combination of image processings from said instructing means that is mutually opposite or erroneous.

8. (Amended) An image processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein a special image processing instructed last is given priority and a special image processing instructed first is cancelled when the unsuitable combination of special image processings has been instructed by said instructing means.

Please add the following additional claim:

--22. An image processing apparatus for processing an image recorded on a recording medium, said image processing apparatus comprising:

an image reading device for reading the image recorded on the recording medium as digital image data, subjecting the read digital image data to predetermined image processing, and outputting processed image data;

means for carrying out a necessary image processing on all of the image data read by the image reading device;

means for carrying out a special image processing on the image data read by the image reading device, the special image processing being specially designated by an operator request; and

means for instructing the special image processing to be carried out by said special image processing means, wherein, of combinations of plural image processings instructed by said instructing means and to be carried out by said special image processing means, there are unsuitable combinations of image processings which unsuitable combinations are mutually opposite or meaningless, and execution of the unsuitable combinations of image processings on an image by said special image processing means is prohibited.--